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Cooking for a cause

Elk Point Volunteer Fire Department answered a call to the Servus Credit Union last Thursday where instead of putting out a fire, they fired up the barbecue and cooked hot dogs at the annual Credit Union Day fundraiser, with all proceeds going to Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). For a good portion of their visit, they were almost the only lunchtime cooks operating in town, due to a widespread power outage.

Container debate continues

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The debate over the whether to allow sea can storage containers in areas of Elk Point other than the industrial park is still not over.

Two local residents and a deacon of the Elk Point Baptist Church attended last Tuesday's public hearing into the amendment of Land Use Bylaw 673/09, to speak against the legislation, which would limit the containers to the industrial park.

The Baptist Church "definitely needs storage," deacon Darren Pilisko said. "We need something immediate, where we could store equipment we need yearly, and extra chairs, spare tables and paperwork. It's the property of the church, and should be on church property." He added that the container "would be a stepping stone to building something permanent. It would be economically ideal and rodent proof and we could paint it to match the facility."

Pilisko said that while the church is not a business and "doesn't sell anything, we give something to the community and we'd like to keep providing that. We have a lot of land there, and we could even have our own yard equipment if we had a place to keep it." The container would be located at the northeast corner of the property, he said.

"I understand your concerns. A container is an adolescent graffiti haven, and there would be maintenance," Pilisko acknowledged, adding that the church is "closer to industrial than residential."

The residents came equipped with a photo of a sea can that had been painted and enhanced with a conventional roof and trim, as well as photos of some of the community's less-attractive garden sheds, and noted that if the containers were allowed elsewhere in town, regulations should be in place regarding their appearance. They also inquired if there was a bylaw regarding derelict buildings.

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Councillors weigh in on reeve at large debate

With County of St. Paul residents gearing up for an Oct. 26 plebiscite that will determine whether the County council selects the reeve or whether ratepayers elect their own reeve, the *St. Paul Journal* and *Elk Point Review* decided to ask local politicians what they thought. We asked County of St. Paul councillors the following question: "Are you in favour of an elected reeve? Why or why not?"

Division 1 Councillor Glen Ockerman

"It very much concerns me that we would have two representatives from one division, and that would skew (decisions) very badly. Our current system isn't perfect but it serves us very well and I feel it keeps the reeve more accountable. The reeve has to look at the county as a whole . . . I really, really hope people get out and vote. There are big consequences, a pile of implications and a pile of dollars involved."

Division 2 Councillor Tom Kurek

"I've heard that there are 13 municipalities in Alberta that have Reeves at large, and half work and half don't. I'd have no problem with having a reeve-at-large if we got a person who thinks of the county of a whole, but I also think things are working fairly well as they are and the county has moved a long way ahead in recent years."

Division 3 Councillor Cliff Martin:

"No, (I'm not in favour). If that's what the people wanted, that's fine. But I feel we're wasting money having it right now. Why the big rush now? I feel it's probably a personal vendetta and not something that's beneficial for the whole county. Under the present form, you can replace the reeve every year. If (the reeve) is elected at large, (he or she) is in place for three years."

"The biggest change if this plebiscite is successful is the change from seven divisions to six. My perspective is we're

spending a large amount of money and I don't know if it's going to change much other than the boundaries."

Division 4 Councillor Maxine Fodness:

"Am I in favour? Yes. I believe people should be given the opportunity to choose their leader. Democracy is government by the people."

Division 5 Councillor/Reeve Robert Bouchard:

"No, I'm not. Because I feel the way (the reeve is selected) is consistent with the way it's being done in all school boards in the province . . . all school boards, the provincial legislature, the House of Commons in Ottawa, and the United Nations. I feel if it's good enough for them, it's good enough for us. Just the way the present system is set up, the reeve is directly answerable to all councillors. The other way, he is not. He's responsible in a broad scope to the electorate, but not to his councillors."

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"EXPECT THE BEST"

Container debate continues after hearing

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"The bylaw is there," Mayor Parrish Tung affirmed. "We have to enforce it." He added that the amendment restricting container use came about because, in their original state, "they don't look good. What is most important is the look of the town. Enforcement (of appearance) could be a problem. All of your argument has been gone through by council."

Further discussion and second reading of the bylaw came later in the meeting.

"It's good to see the public involved," the mayor noted. "They have a point about run-down sheds," Coun. Dick Millar said. "This is a larger issue than the sea cans. We need to clean up what is already here."

"But who has the power to decide if something is unsightly?" Mayor Tung questioned.

Second reading of the amended bylaw was passed with one councillor opposed. Third reading was deferred to the next council meeting.

Business license bylaw passed

The final two readings for Elk Point's new business license bylaw were given council's approval.

Sign regulations bylaw

First reading was given to a new sign regulations bylaw,

after a thorough overhaul of the existing bylaw. The new bylaw sets out location, spacing, type of sign and sizes that will be allowed.

Owners of some of the existing signs "may be asked to move them," Mayor Tung said. He added that the town "has to be very careful in setting the sizes. We want the signs to be uniform."

Website camera

Economic development coordinator Bob Bezpalko told council he had received a list of questions regarding the proposed website camera that would be located on top of the EcoCentre to provide a view of the town and the Iron Horse Trail. "There would be just one camera," he noted, "and I spoke to Sgt. Lazicki, who said there were no issues regarding privacy." Bezpalko suggested the concerns should be taken to the town's lawyer for his input.

Mayor Tung suggested, "going slowly" on plans for the camera.

Esso property access

Council agreed to accept Esso's offer of access to a 15-metre strip along the north side of their property, and to fence the remainder of that property, including installation of a gate.

"We'll make it work," council agreed, with one member noting that this is "a really big break."

Regional Assessment Review Board

One member of town council will be appointed to a Regional Assessment Review Board, to serve along with representatives of the other municipal councils in the

region, and members chosen from the public. Training for the new board will be provided.

The appointment will be made at the town's organizational meeting, which will be held just prior to the regular council meeting on Oct. 26

Municipal Sustainability Business Plan

Communities with a population less than 5,000 will now have to have a municipal sustainability business plan in place in order to qualify for grants, as of Jan. 1, 2010. Previously, only communities with a population 5,000 and over were required to have the plans. Town manager Myron Goyan said he "would like to get the wheels in motion" on Elk Point's plan.

FCSS request

Elk Point FCSS has asked the town for assistance in funding new computer workstations that will fit in their new offices in the EcoCentre, as they are concerned that their current equipment won't fit in the smaller offices.

MCFP grant

Council received confirmation of the \$500,000 Major Community Facilities Program (MCFP) grant for trail development in the community. They must match \$100,000 of this grant each year for the next five years.

Mayor Tung reminded council that in the future, only one Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) grant per year could be approved for each municipality. He also noted that only non-profit organizations qualify to apply for grants under the Community Initiative Program (CIP) as of Oct. 1.

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You may also want to be immunized if you are:

- An adult or child with chronic medical conditions
- A pregnant woman or healthy child aged 6 - 23 months old
- A household contact of these identified groups

You must bring your Alberta Health Care Card.
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Date	Time	Location
Tuesday, Oct. 20	9 am – 3 pm	Elk Point, Pioneer Senior's Centre, Hwy 41
Tuesday, Oct. 27	2 pm – 8 pm	Elk Point, Pioneer Senior's Centre, Hwy 41
Wednesday, Oct. 21	10 am – 11:30 am	Heinsburg Senior's Centre 1 Street West

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RCMP investigating fatal fire

By ELK POINT RCMP
Review Contributors

In the early morning hours of Oct. 10, Elk Point RCMP was dispatched to a structure fire in Fishing Lake. When members arrived, Elk Point Fire Department was on scene and advised that there was one body found inside the building. The deceased was identified and the next of kin was identified. Investigation is ongoing.

Property damage

There have been a num-

ber of property damage complaints in the past week in the town of Elk Point, including one broken window at the Elk Point Elementary School. If anyone has information on these occurrences, please contact the Elk Point RCMP.

Domestic violence

On Oct. 10, members of the Elk Point RCMP were dispatched to a residence in Fishing Lake for a complaint of assault from the previous evening. The female complainant was allegedly assaulted by her boyfriend, who had hit her in the back with a thermos. On Oct. 10, when the complainant attempted to gather her belongings and take her child, another verbal and

physical altercation occurred between the complainant and the suspect's relative. The child was present at the time.

Suspicious persons

On Oct. 11, members of the Elk Point RCMP received a complaint of a suspicious white Dodge pickup truck following a vehicle on Armistice Road, and the complainant was very nervous as the truck had been following them for more than five minutes and were flashing their hazard lights. Members located a white Dodge pickup truck a short while later on Armistice Road and stopped the vehicle. The vehicle's driver and two passengers stated that they were returning from the movies in St.

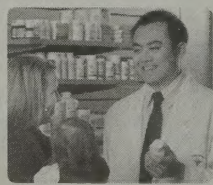
Paul and out of boredom, decided it would be fun to follow random vehicles. The occupants of the vehicle were warned of the seriousness of their actions and sent on their way.

Motor vehicle collision with horse

On the night of Oct. 11, members of the Elk Point RCMP were dispatched to a complaint of a collision on Range Road 43 near Frog Lake, involving a horse and a pickup truck. The road was snow covered at the time, making it difficult to stop. The Elk Point RCMP would like to remind the public that with the winter weather fast approaching, extra care and caution is required when traveling our roads and highways.



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Seasonal influenza clinics now running

Elk Point's first clinic is today

By ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES

Review Contributors

Alberta Health Services is now running seasonal influenza clinics across the province.

Elk Point's first seasonal influenza clinic is scheduled for today, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a second clinic next Tuesday, Oct. 27, from 2 to 8 p.m., both clinics will be held at the Seniors' Recreation Centre.

Heinsburg's influenza clinic is scheduled for tomorrow, Wednesday, Oct. 21, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Seniors Centre in Heinsburg Community Hall.

If you're in a high-risk group for complications due to influenza, you will bene-

fit most from seasonal influenza immunization at this time.

Seasonal influenza immunization clinics are available right now, before Alberta Health Services switches to H1N1 influenza immunization clinics.

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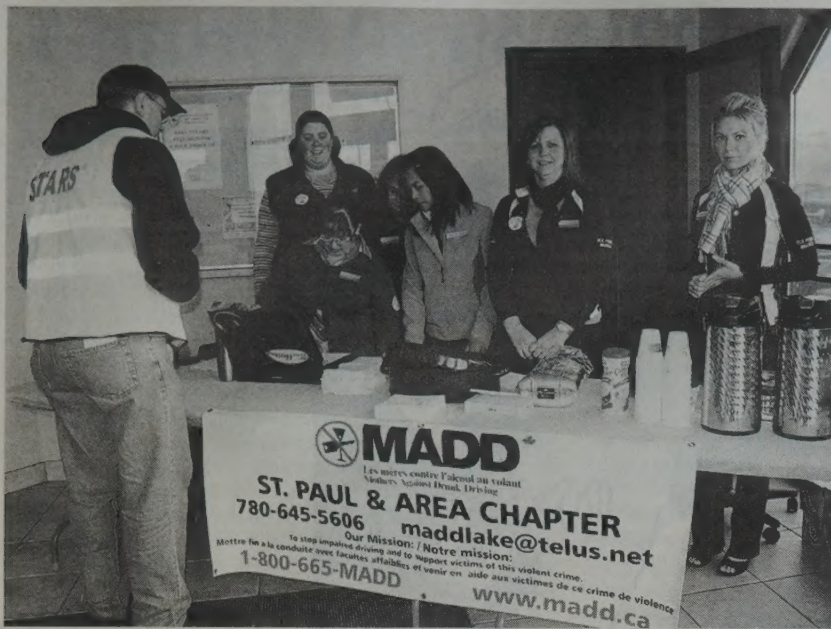
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You might think that a power outage would leave the staff of local financial institutions with nothing to do but lock the doors and sit in the dark, but such was not the case on Thursday, when the blackout coincided with the annual Sorvus Credit Union fundraiser, held in conjunction with Credit Union Day. A full lineup of staff was ready and eager to serve up hot dogs, doughnuts, coffee and smiles to the community, while they raised funds to support MADD's St. Paul and area chapter.

Curlers given one last chance

By VICKI BROOKER
 Review Staff

The ice is starting to build up in the Elk Point Curling Club, but president Marlene Malachowski says that doesn't mean there will be a curling season or bonspiels this year.

Response at a general meeting and registration night scheduled for next Wednesday, Oct. 28 at the curling club will determine if ice making continues after that point.

A small but enthusiastic group of volunteers have offered their assistance to keep the rink running, with such projects in mind as after school curling for students in Grade 5 and up, funspiels and other events, but Malachowski says that while those events would build interest, they would not generate the amount of funds it takes to keep the rink going, in terms of utility costs.

"We have to have league curlers signed up and committed to curling. If we don't have that, we can't have the bonspiels," she says.

The 26-year-old Elk Point Oilmen's Bonspiel would be the biggest casual-

ty if the rink locks its doors for the season, before the season even begins. In recent years, interest in curling has declined to the point where league curling is almost nonexistent and this is the only major bonspiel

that has taken place, bringing curlers in from a wide area to take part in the event and providing an economic boost to the local business community.

All curlers are urged to attend the meeting.

Reeve at large debate

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Division 6 Councillor Frank Sloan:

"I haven't made a decision yet. To me, I feel it's up to the people. It's their decision. It's their municipality. I think everyone has to really get information on it to make a decision. There's lots of things that people have to understand - the divisions will change. That's one thing everyone has to know: there will only be six divisions."

Division 7 Councillor Alphonse Corbiere:

"No, definitely not. I don't think it's an advantage for us. I'm quite satisfied with the way we have it now."

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Bylaw 1530 provides that:

1. The Chief Elected Official (Reeve) shall be elected by vote of the electors of the County.
2. The boundaries of the existing seven (7) wards (known as divisions), shall be altered so that the County will be divided into six (6) divisions, each represented by one Councillor.
3. This Bylaw shall be operative for purposes of the general election in 2010

Voting will take place on the **26th day of October 2009** between the hours of **10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.**

Voting stations will be located at:

Ashmont Legion Hall, Cork Hall
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Ferguson Flats Hall, Heinsburg Senior Centre
Lac Bellevue Hall, Mallaig Senior Centre
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St. Lina Community Centre, St. Paul Legion Hall
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Rules of residence (Sec. 48 (1) in part)

- A person may have only one place of residence for the purposes of this Act
- The residence of a person is the place where the person lives and sleeps and to which, when the person is absent, the person intends to return
- A person does not lose the person's residence by leaving the person's home for a temporary purpose
- If a person leaves the area with the intention of making the person's residence elsewhere, the person loses the person's residence within the area

EDITORIAL

County voters have a say

Residents of the County of St. Paul have a very important decision to make next Monday, when voters go to the polls to make a decision on a bylaw that would change the makeup of county council.

In the course of our interviews with the county councillors, whether or not they were in favour of replacing a reeve chosen by them with one chosen by the electors, most of them expressed a concern about voter turnout.

The voters are privileged to have the opportunity to have the choice in the matter, just as they are privileged to make a choice regarding their representative when there is a general election. The ability to cast a vote is one that those in many nations do not have, and we are fortunate to live in a democracy that gives us a choice.

If you are a county resident, you have a choice, and it is in your best interest to make that choice, rather than to let everyone else make that choice for you. It's your future, so please take time to have a part in shaping it.

WAY BACK WHEN...

Early blizzard, Elk Point project, excellent coach

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF OCT. 20 IN...

1984

A howling blizzard, with snow-clogged roads and school bus cancellations, replaced pleasant autumn weather in less than a week, as crews hurried to complete a water line replacement on 48 Ave. between 53 and 54 Streets. Amendments to the Land Use Bylaw permitting the construction of neighbourhood commercial outlets in the apartment and mobile home subdivisions were passed by council with no opposition from ratepayers.

1989

Amoco Canada announced a \$6 million, 24-well drilling program for the Elk Point Project, 12 km south of Elk Point, with 14 infill wells on 20-acre spacing and 10 delineation wells on 40-acre spacing. John Zenko was back on county council after a three-year absence, with a 193 to 170-vote margin over his closest rival, Gordon Kuhn.

1994

Elk Point Agricultural Society faced the future with a new executive and a new format, after splitting the society's massive \$388,330 mortgage, with the Arena Operating Committee taking 62 per cent of the load and the Fairgrounds Committee the remaining 38 per cent. The congregation of Elk Point United Church welcomed Rev. Norman Hartley.

1999

Doug Bassett was named Baseball Alberta Coach of the Year, a rare honour for a rural coach, as the award usually goes to a coach at the Triple A level, and said that his Midget Sox had "never won a medal, but that's still one of my goals." Finishing touches were being added to the exterior of the newly expanded Heritage Lodge, where new construction had taken place over the summer.

2004

Lt. Governor, the Hon. Lois Hole, addressed "the unsung heroes of civilization" at the Northern Lights Library Conference, one of her last public appearances before she succumbed to cancer. Glen Ockerman became the new councillor in the county's Division 1, while Tom Kurek ousted incumbent Sharil Baumgardner in Division 2.



GUEST COLUMN

World Food Day

Oct. 16 was World Food Day. It was proclaimed in 1979 by the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). It marks the date of the founding of FAO in 1945. The aim of the day is to heighten public awareness of the world food problem and strengthen solidarity in the struggle against hunger, malnutrition and poverty. In 1980, the UN General Assembly endorsed observance of the Day in consideration of the fact that "food is a requisite for human survival and well-being and a fundamental human necessity".

It just so happens that World Food Day begins the celebration of Apple Day, which is Oct. 21. Apple Day is an annual celebration, held on Oct. 21 each year, of apples and orchards. It is celebrated mainly in the United Kingdom. Apple Day was initiated by Common Ground (a United Kingdom charity and lobby group) in 1990 and has been celebrated in each subsequent year by people organizing hundreds of local events. Common Ground describe the day as a way of celebrating and demonstrating that variety and richness matter to a locality and that it is possible to effect change in your place. Common Ground has used the apple as a symbol of the physical, cultural and genetic diversity we should not let slip away. In linking particular apples with their place of origin, they hope that orchards will be recognized and conserved for their contribution to local distinctiveness, including the rich diversity of wild life they support.

More recently Apple Day has evolved into a weekend event, usually taking place on the Saturday and Sunday

closest to Oct. 21 although a number of venues now simply use the term Apple Day for their own events which can take place anywhere in the second half of the month. The first Apple Day was on Oct. 21, 1990 in Covent Garden, London.

It is interesting that these two days are close together and refer not only to "food security" (the availability of food and one's access to it), but also to the importance of eating good food such as

an apple a day.

Now, you all know the saying: "An apple a day keeps the doctor away". This comes from a Pembrokeshire proverb, which states: "Eat an apple on going to bed, and you'll keep the doctor from earning his bread." Apples have a good claim to promote health. Apple has Vitamin A, B1, B2 and C, fibre, Vitamin E and some essential elements to fulfill a bunch of purposes. Apple also contains Boron and Calcium, which is beneficial for bones and avoids osteoporosis. Apple has a great result on tooth protection, as it's a good exercise for teeth to have fibrous fruits. Apple is considered quite beneficial for preventing colon cancer. Vitamin E is good for skins and Vitamin C helps improve the immune system. A medium sized apple gives only about 75 calories. Apple is cholesterol free and advised for all age groups. Generally, apple does not result in allergies. Apple is easily available worldwide and its taste is liked by almost everyone. Always avoid apple juice, eat the whole fruit. It has also been suggested by Cornell University researchers that the quercetin found in apples protects brain cells against neurodegenerative disorders like Alzheimer's Disease.

After reading all this information, which comes from the net, maybe some of you are asking: "What is a Pembrokeshire proverb?" Pembroke is one of the thirteen counties of Wales, and Pembrokeshire is on the coast. The first recorded quote of "an apple a day ..." comes from that area. Because it is a wise saying it became a Pembrokeshire Proverb. So there you go. Happy Apple Day everyone!



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EASTHOPE

from the FCSS desk

The Elk Point Review publishes a variety of opinions as a contribution to debate on matters of public concern. Unsigned editorials express the view of this newspaper's editorial board which includes the Publisher and the Editor. Signed pieces express the view of the individual writer.

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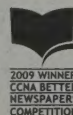
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County to consider supporting spray park

By JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

Elk Point may soon be home to a brand new spray park if plans keep moving along.

Valerie Lazicki of the Town of Elk Point Recreation Department spoke to County of St. Paul council last Tuesday about the project. Currently, a project to build a water spray park for families to enjoy is being organized.

The park will include a variety of components and will be about 3,700 square feet. There will be no standing water, but instead the equipment will be on sensors and will run only at certain times of the day, spraying water for children and adults to enjoy on hot summer days.

Because the park components were actually built for another municipality, Elk Point was able to secure the park at a reduced cost, explained Lazicki. The park will be located north of the arena, where the Canada Day celebrations are held annually.

A Community Facility Enhancement grant will be received to cover half the cost of the project. Organizers are therefore looking to fundraise the remaining funds and last week, requested \$15,000 from the County of St. Paul. The total cost of the project will be between \$200,000 and \$300,000.

A number of fundraisers are on the go, and the Town of Elk Point has committed to supporting the outdoor park in a number of ways, such as site preparation, the land, maintenance after the park is complete, and maybe most importantly - water for the park.

Councillors did ask about security at the park. "It is in a well-lit area," explained Lazicki, adding, the park is expected to last over 20 years with just some minor paint upgrading needed. No man-hours are needed to run the park on a daily basis.

Lazicki says the goal is to have the park built and operating by the 2010 season.

In response to the financial request, County of St. Paul Reeve Robert Bouchard told Lazicki that next year's budget may be even more tight than this year's. She responded by saying the park is expected to attract people from all over to the area.

"I think it's going to be a worthwhile amenity," said Lazicki. "This is really a strong community project."

"Hopefully, cutbacks won't be as bad as we think they're going to be," said Bouchard.

A motion to refer the request to the 2010 budget for consideration was carried.

County discusses demolished halls

The demolition of the St. Brides and Owlseye halls are both complete, heard County of St. Paul council at last week's regular meeting on Oct. 13. A motion to tender out the properties was carried.

The demolition at the Lafond school is also underway, and was mostly complete as of last week, aside from a large cement tank that was found underneath the structure. The contractor involved will remove the tank at an extra cost of \$5,000.

While discussing the demolition of the area halls, Coun. Frank Sloan asked where the demolished materials had been hauled. According to the tenders, both the Owlseye Hall and the St. Brides Hall were to be brought to the Ashmont landfill, which they were.

But, according to the tender for the Lafond school, the materials were supposed to be hauled to the Evergreen Regional landfill, located within a few kilometers of the site, heard council. But, instead, the school was also hauled to the Ashmont landfill, according to Superintendent of Public Works Leo deMoissac.

The hole at the Ashmont landfill has to be reclaimed this

fall, explained deMoissac to council. Staff decided that to save municipal funds, the Lafond materials would be brought to the Ashmont landfill to help fill the hole.

The contractor was asked to haul the materials to Ashmont, instead of Lafond, and avoid pay tipping fees, although it would cost more due to a farther distance being travelled, heard council.

According to CAO Sheila Kitz, the asbestos and any other hazardous materials were dealt with in the proper manner and hauled away prior to the halls being demolished.

"We paid to get the hazardous materials taken out of the school," said Bouchard.

Coun. Maxine Fodness did express concern about changing the conditions on the tender after the tender was awarded to a contractor.

Preparing pandemic plan

The County of St. Paul management has been discussing pandemic planning and is working on identifying which services are vital, critical, necessary, and/or desired. The planning will help management determine which services to maintain during a pandemic to reduce the number of staff at work.

CAO Sheila Kitz further explained that staff is being cross-trained to ensure certain services can be maintained during a pandemic. Other options such as having staff work from home are also being examined.

AESO meets council

Representatives with the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) attended the county council meeting last week to speak about plans to upgrade the transmission system in east central Alberta.

Ramaiah Divi, manager for central system planning with AESO, offered council a presentation with maps of the potential development.

"There are several reasons why we need to develop the transmission system," said Divi. He explained that the cur-

rent transmission system lacks the capacity to support additional demand or integrate new power generation.

"All the lines are up to their neck."

The growth being experienced by the area in question, which stretches from Cold Lake to Hardisty, includes a number of oil producing areas. The growth in this area is much higher than the provincial average, said Divi.

The power load is expected to double in the next 10 years, he added. AESO also wants to connect some wind power and natural gas generation into the grid. AESO is looking at various options and requested county council offer the organization feedback after reviewing the information from the presentation last week.

A number of lines will be potentially needed throughout the area. In the St. Paul area, the line is "pretty weak," said Divi.

Reeve Robert Bouchard stated he would like to see the least amount of land disturbed as possible, while Coun. Cliff Martin said he would simply like to see the "best power supply (provided) most economically." (Continued on Page 8)

THANK YOU The Water Spray Park Committee

Wishes to thank all the volunteers who so graciously donated their time to the bottle drive.
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The drive raised around \$1,500.00.

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REEVE AT LARGE PLEBISCITE

On October 26, 2009 the **County of St. Paul No. 19** will be holding a plebiscite to ask the citizens of our County to vote on Bylaw 1530 that has been drafted and has received 1st reading in response to a sufficient petition received in April 2009. This petition asked the County to consider having a Reeve elected at large (by a vote of the electors) rather than voted by a vote of the elected officials or Councillors. It also requested that the number of divisions change from the current 7 to 6. What does this mean for the citizens?

Council felt it was important for the citizens to understand what voting yes or no means in this plebiscite. The first thing residents must understand is how the Reeve of the County is currently determined. Municipal elections are held every three years in October. The next municipal election will take place in 2010. When an election is held residents have the opportunity to vote for the person they would like to have represent their interests on County Council. They only vote for the prospective councillor in their division. Currently there are 7 divisions in the County each represented by one Councillor. Following the election and every year in October the municipality must hold an Organizational Meeting. At that meeting the Council members that have been elected in their divisions will elect or choose a Chief Elected Official - or Reeve (in the case of the County of St. Paul) from the 7 members on Council. If the residents of the County vote "NO" in this plebiscite then this will still be how a Reeve will be elected. Also the current division boundaries will not change.

If the residents of the County vote "YES" in this plebiscite there will be some changes leading up to the 2010 municipal election. The first order of business will be the change in divisional boundaries as the petition specifically asked for the divisions to change from 7 to 6. Changing boundaries is somewhat complicated and will be a political decision. According to the Municipal Government Act there is no requirement to have the divi-

sions based on population. There is also not an easy formula that will help to determine where divisional lines are drawn. Therefore it will be Administration's task and could require the help of a consultant to determine where the boundary lines should be for the six new divisions that will be required if this bylaw is passed. Boundaries must be in place 6 months prior to the next general election. This sets the deadline of determining boundaries to be May 2010.

The other implication of a "YES" vote is that residents at the 2010 election will vote for a prospective councillor to represent their division (with its new boundaries), as well, they will vote for a Reeve. The Reeve will be determined based on the vote of the people rather than a vote of the elected officials. The Reeve will be from one of the divisions, however it is perceived that he/she will represent the residents of the County as a whole. Regardless of which division he/she lives in those residents will have a different representative to speak to if they have divisional issues to address.

The vote on this plebiscite has the potential to result in the biggest change to governance and divisional boundaries of your County since its inception in 1962. It is important that residents come out to vote to make their views known to Council. We hope that this document provides you with enough information to make an informed decision regarding the vote on the plebiscite to be held on October 26, 2009. There will be an advance poll on October 17, 2009 in St. Paul and Elk Point. There will be 13 Polling Stations available for residents to attend on the actual date of the plebiscite. Please watch the local papers to ensure that you know where the nearest polling station is to you. If you have any further questions regarding the plebiscite please do not hesitate to contact the County Office at (780) 645-3301. Bylaw 1530 is available for download and viewing on the County's webpage www.county.stpaul.ab.ca.



County of St. Paul No. 19

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October 20, 2009

Glenn Zayac
Development Authority Officer



Elk Point Order of the Royal Purple back and busy

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

When Elk Point Order of the Royal Purple members said a sad farewell to almost a half century of sisterhood and service last June, plans were already in motion to surrender the organization's

Order of the Royal Purple District Deputy Barbara Schmidt (left) of Vermilion attended last Monday's meeting of the Elk Point OORP to install new Honoured Royal Lady Lois Sharek.

Vicki Brooker photos

charter and fade into the pages of local history.

However, the organization was nowhere near as dead as had been reported.

During a subsequent visit to the Alberta Elks and Royal Purple's provincial convention, the OORP members received considerable encouragement to carry on and to bring new life to the group, even if it had to change from its traditional role and try some new ways to encourage membership and keep the lodge going.

In late summer, members were contacted to see if they were willing to carry on,

and an overwhelming majority was willing to do so.

Two meetings later, the Elk Point OORP has a new Honoured Royal Lady, in the person of Lois Sharek, and is back in business, with their annual Harvest Supper slated for this Friday.

The members met yesterday with a representative of the OORP's Supreme Lodge to consider new ways of revitalizing the lodge and adapting to the changing times.

Seven members also attended the district's Traveling Gavel afternoon

in Myrnam on Sunday.

That event included about 40 members from lodges in Vermilion, Vegreville, Lloydminster, Mannville, Myrnam and Elk Point, each lodge providing a skit, reading or jokes to the entertainment. Elk Point's contribution was the spelling of 'AUTUMN,' each letter representing an attribute of lodge membership.

The afternoon concluded with the presentation of the decorated ceremonial gavel to HRL Pat Shimko of Vermilion by Myrnam HRL Colleen McKensie.



The host Myrnam OORP were dressed in their Halloween finery as they read a Halloween poem, complete with 'scary' sound effects.

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Elk Point Order of the Royal Purple members (left to right) Lil Buksa, Lois Yaremkevich, Lena Stepa, Lillian Ewasiuk, Verna Lazicki and HRL Lois Sharek (not shown, Vicki Brooker) showed their pride as OORP members with their reading.

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Living Well programs to start soon

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

St. Paul, Elk Point and surrounding area residents who are living with a chronic health condition or at risk of developing such a condition will soon have the opportunity to access a program enabling them to improve, maintain or manage their condition better.

Cindy Colbourne, manager of chronic disease management for Alberta Health Services North Zone, says the Living Well Program to help prevent and manage chronic conditions

is "an umbrella program, with three pillars: education, exercise and self management."

Education programs "Are in two strains, prevention and disease-related. The prevention deals with making lifestyle changes to reduce risk factors, including making healthier food choices and investing in a healthy you by making lifestyle changes such as smoking cessation. The disease-specific sessions are two hours long and deal with living with diabetes, chronic obstructive pulmonary

disease (COPD) and arthritis."

The exercise program includes eight weeks of two sessions a week, with an exercise program that enables participants to include safe and effective physical activity in their lives. An exercise therapist assesses participants before the program starts and determines what exercise will best work for them, Colbourne says.

"It's a safe, supportive place for them to get the physical activity they need."

The third pillar is a self-

management program that supports participants and helps them to live the healthiest life possible and gives them the skills to manage their ongoing health challenges.

"It's a six-week program, one session a week, and tells participants and their caregivers or family members how to manage their condition and put what they learn into practice, everything from taking their medication to understanding their feelings and solving problems. The real strength is that it is held in a group

setting and that participants set weekly goals to reach before the next session."

The programs are offered entirely free of cost, Colbourne says. "You just call our toll free registration number, 1-877-349-5711 ext. 261 and the program assistant will explain the programs to you and take registrations."

St. Paul's first program, a

self-management program offered in French, will start Oct. 28. Exercise programs are also scheduled for St. Paul and Bonnyville.

"We're getting close to starting in Elk Point, too. Our facilitator is being trained this week, and then we'll set the dates for the self-management and education sessions."

Hard time to be a Leafs fan

The only good thing about being the Leafs right now, having lost all of their first seven games and with only one point so far, the bottom team in the league, there's only one way to go and that's up.

Being a fan, watching them play is painful too, no defense, no scoring and no goalies. The other day I saw a joke about them in the paper and it reminded me of my 40th birthday party a few years ago. OK, so it was more than a few years ago but who's counting, and besides it's still better than the alternative, and unless you haven't noticed I've have been known to stretch the truth a bit from time to time.

It's New Year's Eve 1900 and whatever, and the regular crowd is coming in the back door at our house. We always have party the night before and some times well into the next day, and since I was a New Year's baby, I always get the day off on my birthday, and why not, that's the way it should be, because I'm special, you know.

So anyway, the house is starting to fill up and everyone is getting in the mood, the doorbell rings and I go to the front door. Now, since most of our friends come in the back door it seemed a little weird, but when I open up, it's a guy standing there with a bag over his head that reads Leaf Fan. He doesn't speak just comes in and sits down, so I figure it's one of my buddies pulling a prank, but I can't figure out who, cause most of them are already there. Five or ten minutes go by and when the bag comes off it's my brother from

Hamilton, Ontario who flew out to celebrate the special milestone with me. All my birthdays have been special but that one ranks up there as one of the best presents ever, a surprise visit from your bro, who by the way, unless you didn't already know, is a big Leaf fan too. Sucks to be you, brother!

And on home ice...

The ice is in and the teams are skating but so far we haven't had any games to report on, but maybe next week, until then, "Happy tales to you, until we meet again" oh yeah, right, that's supposed to be "Happy trails to you"

And hey, if you looking for something to do with your family, public skating is now happening every Sunday at noon until 2 p.m. Come on out for some exercise.

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week: "These fellows have invented a game that is played on ice. They have fashioned knives, which are fastened on their boots, and they skate at each other in a menacing manner as they pursue a black rubber disc and propel it towards their opponent's wicket. There is a great noise and threatening as they advance toward the goal, brandishing their dangerous weapons at the enemy." Last week's answer to: "If they can fit through the door, I don't want them." - Milt Schmidt, former coach of the Bruins. Do you have any scoops? Now you can email them to sportshound007@hotmail.com



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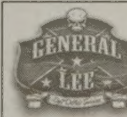
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Contributions can add up to finance spray park

By VICKI BROOKER
REview Staff

Elk Point's recreation director Valerie Lazicki is hoping that her newest fundraising scheme will add up to a significant boost for the planned water spray park which is scheduled to be ready for local children to enjoy in the summer of 2010.

Information on the innovative fundraiser went out with this month's water bills, offering residents the opportunity to contribute a small amount per month toward the project, either by post-dated cheques or by monthly payments at the town office, at their bank or via online banking.

Even \$5 or \$10 per month would add up to a significant sum, Lazicki notes. "If 50 people each contributed \$10 a month for a year, that would provide \$6,000 for the water spray park. If 100 sign up, it would be \$12,000."

The automatic donation plan "has been tweaked a few times" since Lazicki first proposed it to town council. "We worked out the glitches, made it as sim-

ple as it can be, and it's ready to go."

She feels that if the monthly notices go out with the water bills, "people won't forget."

Lazicki notes that donors are free to discontinue their monthly donation at any time during the year. "There's no obligation. You just have to let the town office know." And, she adds, "If we have an amazing response and collect enough (to finance the park) before the year is up, we would cancel the rest of the payments."

The public may also make one-time contributions.

"I'm still recruiting for the fundraising committee," she says, and anyone interested in helping out can call her at 724-4552. The committee held a very successful bottle drive recently, and has a number of other fundraising ideas in the planning stages.

Word about the water spray park is spreading, and "people stop me on the street and tell me to keep up the good work," Lazicki says. "It's nice that people recognize and approach me."

County council to consider spray park

((Continued from Page 5))

It was also mentioned that sometimes the large power lines could cause problems when working on roads, so placing transmission lines on private land would be beneficial.

AESO hopes to see the new transmission lines in service by the end of 2012.

Items on Municipal Reserve land

Edward Turton and Carol Andrews of Crestview Beach will be allowed to place some small items on Municipal Reserve land to mark their driveway, after being previously told by the County of St. Paul to remove the items.

Andrews explained that some light standards and lion statues were being used to mark her driveway, due to a steep ditch along the driveway. The items were there for safety purposes, she explained.

A complaint filed by another resident caused the county to request Andrews remove the items. So, Andrews did as she was

asked, later approaching council to get that decision turned over.

"The lions had sat there for 11 years," said Andrews.

After hearing the residents plead their case, county agreed that the ornaments being used to mark the driveway would be allowed.

Boat launch at Lac Sante

Developers at Lac Sante have been given a two-year extension on a condition that was included in the development of Sante Estates, which required the developers to install a boat launch at the lake.

Mel Kutcher approached county council with a report provided by EnviroMak Inc. about possible issues with putting a boat launch into the proposed area. Primarily, the issue of the low level of water was a factor.

Coun. Maxine Fodness explained that if all the lots available at Lac Sante were to be sold, the population of the lake would increase by over 100 per cent. Another working boat launch, she

says, is needed.

The boat launch is part of the development agreement, but more information needs to be gathered before the launch is developed. Although Bouchard agreed that another launch is needed at the lake, he also believes that it doesn't have to be built right now.

"I say the timing of putting in a boat launch is not now," agreed Coun. Tom Kurek.

In the end, a two-year extension was given to the developers to review the feasibility of a boat launch at Lac Sante.

Attendant at transfer station

Since the Town of St. Paul opened its new transfer station earlier this summer, the town will no longer be paying for one day a week of wages for an attendant at the Evergreen Regional landfill, located near Lafond.

Instead, the County of St. Paul will be paying for two days a week to have an attendant at the landfill instead of just one day, while Evergreen Regional Waste Management Services Commission will pay the remaining wages, as it has done in the past.

"I think it only makes sense," said Dennis Bergheim, manager of Evergreen. The landfill is opened at least five days a week throughout the year, depending on the season. A motion to approve the increase in wage payment was made by Fodness and was carried.

Gravel road

A request to gate off a road to prevent vandalism and trespassing was denied by council. David Zarowny requested that council gate off a portion of Range Road 73 to prevent people from using the no exit road.

The road is a developed road, leading up to a well-site. Bouchard felt the issue shouldn't have even been brought to council since it didn't meet the required criteria. He added the county couldn't be closing off gravel roads.

A motion to deny the request was unanimously carried.

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4-H time is here

By ALEXIS BRISTOW

Elk Point 4-H Multi Club Reporter

Guess what? It is 4-H season again and Elk Point 4-H Multi Club is getting ready for a great year!

On Wednesday Oct. 14, we had our first meeting of the year. We voted on our executive and general leaders. Our new president is Alanna Ockerman, Britney Heathcote is our new vice president, Brianna White is our new treasurer, Taylor Robbie is our new parliamentarian, Alexis Bristow is our new club reporter, Kayla Gibson is our recording secretary, Katelynn Vallee and Alanna Ockerman are the district representatives. Our general leader is Cathy Ockerman and along her side is Glenda Bristow as assistant leader.

But don't panic, if you still want to join 4-H, you still can. You have until December 1 2009 to join. You can do this by coming to our next meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 4 @ 7 p.m., in the Horizon Room at the A. G. Ross Arena or call Cathy Ockerman 780-724-2443.

This year, the club projects are Market Steer, Heifer, Cow/Calf, Crafts, Horse, Canine, Photography, Small Engines and Woodworking.

At the meeting we talked about raising the STARS calf, and Jessica Spacil and family will be raising it this year. We plan on having a community Halloween Party/Pumpkin Challenge on Saturday, Oct. 24 at 1 p.m. at the C. G. Baker Riding Barn. Watch for posters for more details. We will be having our battery recycling on Nov. 4, and 4-H is looking for your unused dead batteries. A member of our club will be laying a wreath at the Remembrance Day ceremony in Elk Point. On Nov. 11, our members and their families will be going to Farmfair and the CFR in Edmonton. We look forward to the cattle shows. Our junior members will be attending the Fall Fling on November 27 & 28 at the Lakeland College in Vermilion. That's all for now, let's hope the snow melts and it warms up so my dad can finish combining. Oh yes, and all the other farmers too.

4-H Trivia Question: What is Alberta's 4-H mascot? (Answer in my next report.)

Health Care

Auxiliary news

By BERNICE CAPJACK

President

Elk Point Health Care Auxiliary met Oct. 5 with nine members answering the roll call. Lucie Krankowsky was a guest at the meeting on behalf of the Palliative Care Society.

Rags were weighed, ready to be sold as part of our fundraising.

The Auxiliary received an honorarium for taking on the task of giving receipts for the Grandparents Day walk.

The Auxiliary voted to once again sell quilt raffle tickets for Haying in the '30s.

Thanksgiving fruit plates

will be given to the Palliative Care unit and to the patients in the Health Care Centre.

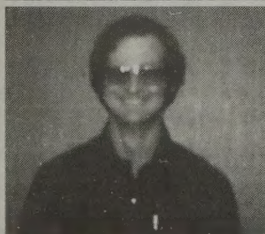
A display board is being looked into so we have one to take to Information Night.

It was moved that the TV rentals be taken care of by the Health Care Auxiliary.

We are always looking for new members. Our meetings are on the first Monday of each month at the Health Care Centre. We work to support the Health Care Centre by buying equipment, etc. Why not join?

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Intermunicipal development

plan faces much concern

By JANICE HUSER

Review Contributor

Last week's regular County of St. Paul council meeting on Oct. 13 saw a number of concerned residents attend the public hearing held to discuss the intermunicipal development plan (IDP) being put together by the Town and County of St. Paul.

Over a dozen people filled council chambers and offered their opinions about the plan. Residents were primarily concerned about the area north of St. Paul, which is being set aside for light industrial use. The town has already requested annexing a portion of the land, while another portion is simply designated as future business employment development.

"It's an attempt for the town to do some long-term planning," said Reeve Robert Bouchard.

Geraldine Bidulock is one of the residents whose home is in the area the town wishes to annex now. Bidulock firmly stated her case to county council.

She feels that she was "provided minimal consultation" in regards to the IDP, and also expressed her concern that the IDP does not ensure compatible uses exist between what is being planned and what currently exists, such as the nearby soccer fields and campsites. She further stated that she believes there has been a failure by the parties involved to consider the effects of the plan.

Chuck McNutt of Focus Corporation, the consultants hired to help with the IDP, offered residents a few comments in an attempt to ease some of their concerns. He explained that the IDP isn't intended to allow for "adverse development."

Shoebox season

fast approaching

By VICKI BROOKER

Review Staff

The time for Operation Christmas Child is once again approaching.

Local campaign organizer Margaret Modin says that shoeboxes can be picked up at schools, the Elk Point Baptist Church, Elk Point Christian Community Church and the Elk Point Municipal Library.

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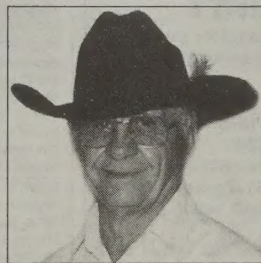
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He is survived by his loving wife, Patricia of 53 years; 1 son & 2 daughters, Maynard (Colleen) Swedgan, Diane Swedgan & Linda (Olivia) Marcoux; 5 grandchildren, Jessie, Darby & Taylor Swedgan, & Melissa & Pamela Marcoux; 1 great-grandchild, Aiden Marcoux; 1 brother & 4 sisters, Art (Ann) Swedgan, Helen (Lloyd) Labrie, Margaret Engelquist, Dina Leaf & Myrtle Lacombe; his in-laws, Betty Swedgan, Garnett Leach, Norman Lacombe & Elsie Swedgan; also numerous nieces & nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Iver & Hjordis; brothers, Orville, Sam & Norman; & sister, Luella.

A Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, October 20 at 1:00 p.m. at Stoney Lake Community Hall, Stoney Lake. Pastor Kelly Sibley officiating with inurnment to follow in Flat Lake Lutheran Cemetery, Flat Lake. If desired, donations may be made to Haying in the 30's c/o Yewchin's Funeral Chapel Ltd., Box 425, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A0.

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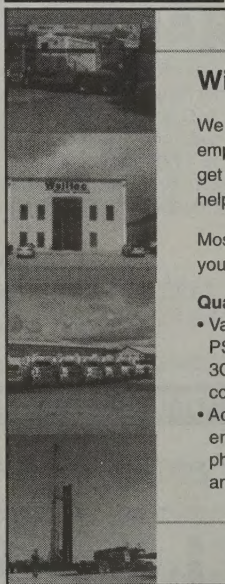
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No international travel for junior high students

By SHAUNA BURKE
Review Contributor

After listening to a presentation from students and parents at a Oct. 14 meeting, St. Paul Education Regional Division (SPERD) School Board made a unanimous decision to deny approval for a Grade 9 Racette trip to France and Italy because of the liability involved.

"This trip to France and then to Italy will be very educational," said Isabelle Caouette in a presentation to the board on behalf of her Grade 9 French immersion class at Racette. "France will be an enriching and language enhancing experience."

Darrell Youngmans, chairman of the board, was impressed by students' presentations on why they should go, but felt that there was too much risk in approving out-of-country travel for junior high students.

"We have done some surveying of other boards," Youngmans explained to the group. "The majority does not allow junior high students' international travel. Some boards even have no international travel at all."

Trustee Rhonda Lafrance suggested that if the parents chose to arrange the trip on their own outside of the school in a private travel club, the board would not have any liability.

"If it is doable over spring break without the board approval, then as parents, we may have to consider that," conceded Tanice Olson, president of Racette parent council.

The board then recommended that the school division change the policy, not permitting international travel for students in Grade 9 or younger. Trustees did approve a request from Ashmont Secondary School to make an out-of-country trip, but for Grades 10 to 12 students only.

Diploma exam results

The results of provincial achievement tests taken by students in Grades 3, 6 and 9 have shown a three per cent improvement division-wide, reported Brodziak in a phone interview after the board meeting. That places those grades in the improved category, according to Alberta Education.

Brodziak added that diploma exam results taken by Grade 12 students last year showed an overall drop of approximately two percent, which places them in the maintaining grades category, according to Alberta Education.

"I would like to commend teachers for their hard work," said Brodziak. "However, there is still a tremendous amount of work to do in this area."

Registration fees

Trustee Don Padlesky reported that a parent had approached him and expressed concern that school fees in this division are higher than in other areas. He requested that the board investigate the concern by conducting a survey.

"We did change our policy so that all new fees or fee increases have to be approved by school council first," clarified Champaign, but he agreed to contact nearby school divisions to compare school fees.

Education Budget

The provincial education budget shortfall for next year is expected to be between \$100 to \$300 million, reported Champaign. He added that although school boards do not know what their funding will be for next year, "the writing is on the wall. We better plan for some pretty serious belt-tightening."

SPECS/Racette update

The gym at St. Paul Elementary School is expected to be complete in approximately 10 days but some of the exterior finishing will have to wait until next year. The school will be holding its official open house on Nov. 12 at 1:00 p.m.

Trustee Rhonda Lafrance said that she had received a reply from Education Minister Dave Hancock indicating that the Racette school renovations are a high priority with the government and once funding begins to flow for capital projects, the board will get a better indication of when that project might begin.

"The minister does realize the financial advantage of being able to use (the old Glen Avon) as a swing space," explained Lafrance by phone after the board meeting. "Recent comments by Premier Ed Stelmach in his television address indicate that the government is going to invest in capital projects, so that is hopeful."

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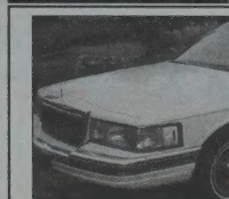
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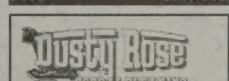
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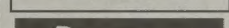
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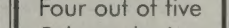
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Lions victorious over Commandos again in first playoff game

By JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

The St. Paul Lions left the Jungle with pride last Friday, as they beat the Wainwright Commandos for the second time in two weeks. The game also meant the Lions would continue their playoff run, moving into week two of the 2009 playoff season.

The Lions took over the scoreboard in the first quarter, leading by a score of 16-0. During the second quarter, the Commandos made the Lions work a little harder, as they scored a touchdown with less than two minutes remaining in the half, bringing the score to 16-6.

A clutch pass by Colin Trainor ensured the Lions would keep on their winning ways. At half, the score would be 23-6 in favour of the Lions.

The third quarter was a battle back and forth, with neither team breaking through the other's defence. But, after taking a couple more points from the Commandos, the Lions sealed their fate by scoring the final touchdown of the game with two minutes left. The final score would be 32-6 for the Lions.

"It went really well," said Lions player Cy Whiskeyjack, after the game. "We came out with intensity."

He added, "All around, we did way bet-

ter than last week."

After the Lions beat the Wainwright team the week prior, the Commandos' coach made some derogatory comments about the St. Paul team in a Wainwright newspaper. Those words gave the Lions some motivation to come out fighting, said coach Todd Tanasichuk.

"As a coach, I thank him for giving our boys the motivation to play well," said Tanasichuk, after Friday's game. "When you beat a team by 30 points and then have to play them again the following week, you worry about your players lacking intensity, but those comments gave us all the tackling fuel we needed."

The Lions have been working a lot on their passing game leading up to the playoffs, and that work is certainly paying off. Quarterback Wayne Fiddler managed to complete 15 out of 20 passes for 190 yards, one touchdown, and no interceptions at Friday's game.

Tanasichuk adds that it was great to see so many players catch passes. Also, the team had 270 yards gained with their rushing game, "and they were lucky we didn't

put up 50 points or more," he added. Both Grayson Bateyko and Whiskeyjack each had over 100 yards rushing, for the second game in a row.

"Defensively, we were solid once again," said Tanasichuk. "Wainwright has many good athletes and tried various formations, but in two games, they never scored one offensive touchdown against us."

Friday's game, according to Tanasichuk, was the most physical the Lions have played so far this year. Nathan Gardiner and Jordan Mudryk both offered standout performances.

Next up, the Lions will be playing the undefeated Holy Rosary this Saturday at 2 p.m. in Lloydminster.

"I believe we can go all the way if we keep playing this way," said Whiskeyjack.

Tanasichuk is also hopeful this playoff season.

"Nobody in our league gives us a chance to win, but that's okay, as it puts all the pressure on them. It's David versus Goliath. We're just happy to go down there and try to play our best game and see what happens."



Wayne Fiddler (4) and Mark Proskiw (3) were in the thick of the action in the Lions' victory over Wainwright.



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A Lions player is tripped by a Wainwright Commandos player last Friday in St. Paul. The Lions won the first playoff game of the 2009 season by a score of 32-6.

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